

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2018



"The Twelve" that attended Saint Andrew Vocations Dinner w/Bishop Burbidge

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Welcome!

Please register and become part of our parish community. You may fill out a registration form in the parish office during business hours.

Office Hours - M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
(Office closed between 12noon and 1:15pm daily)

Moving? If you are leaving the parish, please let us know by calling or dropping a note.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm
5pm (Mass with contemporary music)

Daily Masses

Monday and Wednesday - 9am;
Tuesday and Thursday - 6:30am
Friday - 6:30am & 12 noon; First Friday - 12 noon & 7pm
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12 noon Mass until 5pm. The Rosary is prayed at 12:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3pm.

First Friday - Adoration follows the 12noon Mass and the 7pm Mass, and ends with Benediction at 8:45am on Saturday.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Friday 10:30am
Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; and anytime by appointment
Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Ed. Center

Matrimony: Parish couples planning to be married must make arrangements with the Office at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage.

Baptism: The Sacrament is celebrated each month on the second and third Sunday at 1:30pm. Baptism class is the last Friday of the month at 7pm. Call the office for details.

Anointing of the Sick: We are privileged to bring Holy Communion and administer the Holy Anointing to the sick and homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. - 1 John 3:1

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - April 15	\$ 14,460
2nd Collection - Religious Education	\$ 1,972
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 1,005,615
Parish Giving for March	
Offertory	\$ 30,846
Building our Faith	\$ 2,234
Faith in Action	\$ 1,579

2nd Collection for this week is for Parish Center Debt Reduction
2nd Collection for April 29 is for Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, April 21

9:00 am

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5:00 pm

Sunday, April 22

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, April 23

9:00 am

Tuesday, April 24

6:30 am

Wed., April 25

9:00 am

Thursday, April 26

7:30 pm

Friday, April 27

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Saturday, April 28

9:00 am

Saturday, April 28

5:00 pm

Sunday, April 29

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Easter Weekday

+ Kim Castellano

Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter

Kathy Healy

4th Sunday of Easter

John Bischoff

+ Philomena Boccella

+ Ruth and Emmanuel Walter

People of the Parish

+ Natalie Bills

Easter Weekday

Maralan O'Neil

Easter Weekday

+ Anne Marie Hooks

Saint Mark

+ Paul Madden

Easter Weekday

Father Tewes

Easter Weekday

Mary Szemborski Partridge and family

John Stanek

Easter Weekday

David Livelsberger

Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter

+ John Patrick Keilty

5th Sunday of Easter

Deceased members of the D'Elia and

Butts Families

+ Nicola Arduini

People of the Parish

+ John Patrick Keilty

+ Jisun Porier



Join us for lunch and conversation on **Tuesday, April 14** at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Who is a senior? Whoever wants to be - no age minimum!

This Week

Sun., April 22

Adult Basketball 8:30pm

Tue., April 24

Senior Luncheon 12noon, Parish Hall

WWP Opening Your Heart 7:30pm

WWP Touching the Divine 7:30pm

Wed., April 25

WWP Touching the Divine 7:30pm

Thu., April 26

WWP Touching the Divine 10am

Rosary Group 7pm, Church

WWP Opening Your Heart 7:30pm

WWP Touching the Divine 7:30pm

Sat., April 27

Compassionate Heart of Mary 10am, Parish Hall



Several interested in the priesthood!

The Catholic Church has declared this Sunday as the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. We must have a lot of prayers being said in the parish for vocations to the priesthood because we had **14 (F-O-U-R-T-E-E-N)** who responded to Bishop Burbidge's Saint Andrew Dinner for those interested in becoming priests! Eleven were able to attend the actual dinner held at *Saint Timothy Church* in Chantilly last week (April 13) while the other three regretted they had a schedule conflict. You would have been proud of these young men for being there. They also asked very intriguing questions during the Q & A with the bishop. We easily had the largest contingent from about 20 parishes that were present that night. Our group wanted to sit together and somehow all 12 of us managed to fit on the dinner table designed to seat eight. Other priests kept coming up to me asking how I found so many in my parish. I believe there are several factors for our success including many parish prayers offered for their calling, parental support (this is huge!), sound Religious Education formation, a vibrant Youth Group, and a vocation-friendly parish environment (i.e., it is seen as a sign of honor and love for God if one expresses openness to the priesthood or religious life).

What's also amazing about our crew is that 11 of the 14 are public school students. Many at the dinner were from Catholic Schools or homeschooled. 10 of the 14 are regular Youth Group participants. Another unique stat is that 8 of the 14 are altar boys. We would have brought more if it weren't for the age cutoff. *Junior in high school or older*. It's great that we have more young ones waiting in the wings to get their turn to enter the public forum to declare their interest in the priesthood. Let us continue to pray and encourage the young men and women to consider the priesthood and religious/consecrated life. Much of the secular world have forgotten, forsaken or taken a blind eye to this special vocation from God but we will continue as a parish to keep them in the forefront!

Congratulations to the newly-Confirmed

Bishop Burbidge administered the sacrament of Confirmation at two Masses last weekend and was quite impressed with our kids' faith formation! The bishop implemented meeting the Confirmandi half-hour before the ceremony. He expressed how pleased he was with our kids' knowledge of the Catholic faith. I told the bishop how dedicated our catechists are and get a lot of incredible support from our Religious Education staff. Thank you all for your help!

"In God We Hoop" success

We restarted the Sunday night adult basketball program last week and had 31 men and women that signed up. We've added a little spirituality in our basketball program by having an opening prayer and reading/short discussion on the Sunday Gospel reading. To join you need to be a registered parishioner 18-years and older and attend the orientation. Participants are issued an ID to certify their eligibility to play. I will hold the next orientation on April 29 @8:30pm in the parish center (Room 107 – Saint Agnes).

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante

Ask the Priest

Q. What is the most powerful prayer? –Anonymous

A. By far, the celebration of the Mass is the most powerful prayer because it is Jesus Christ Himself who celebrates the Mass through the ministry of the priest. At Holy Communion, Jesus also gives His own real presence to the people. As far as personal prayer, any prayer said by a holy person is a powerful prayer. As scripture says, "*The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful*" (James 5:16b).

Q. If Eve was the only one that ate the forbidden fruit, would only women have original sin on their soul? –

Anonymous

A. Eve ate the forbidden fruit first but did not incur original sin. It was not until Adam ate the forbidden fruit that original sin entered the world (Genesis 3:6-7). Had Adam, as her guardian, corrected Eve and asked her not to touch the forbidden fruit anymore original sin may have been averted from affecting the rest of humanity.

Q. Are you allowed to bring service dogs or just dogs into church? –L.K.

A. Only service dogs are allowed inside the church. If you see one inside, it is a service dog and should have a "Service Dog" identification. When do the annual blessing of the animals on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4), we always bless the animals outside. The only animals you should see inside the church are stuffed animals the little kids bring with them for "security." (I'm not a kid but I do keep a *Scooby Doo* stuffed animal in the sacristy a little kid gave me when I first arrived here.)

Compassionate Heart of Mary

Saturday, April 27, 10am in the Parish Hall

If you are grieving a spouse, family member, or friend, whether recently or some time ago, or you know someone who is grieving, please join us.



For more information, call Bev at 540-882-9707 or Laura at 703-727-7117.

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, April 21

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Sunday, April 22

7am: Fr. Mullaney

8:30am: Fr. Mullaney

10:30am: Fr. Escalante

12:15pm: Fr. Escalante

5pm: Fr. Escalante

Saturday, April 28

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Sunday, April 29

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****TEACHERS NEEDED!****

The homeschooling community of Saint Francis is starting a new ministry called **CHRSM** (Catholic Home-school Resource and Support Ministry). Our goal is to provide a faith-filled community in which to support each other and our children. We will meet for Masses and liturgical year celebrations, but will also be offering co-op classes.

Currently, we are looking for teachers for the following PAID positions:

- High School Biology with Lab
- Middle School Medieval/Church History
- P.E. for Middle School and Elementary
- Middle School Science

If interested in sharing your teaching talents with the youth of our Catholic community for these or other classes, please contact Emily Lauderback and Stacey Tuman at sfchrsm@gmail.com.

Are you curious about homeschooling but overwhelmed at the idea?

Are you interested but not sure where to begin? Do you have struggling learners who you feel could use more personal support? If so, we hope you will join us for a Homeschool Information Night at the Cascades Library on Monday, May 7th from 7-9pm. Veteran homeschooling parents will be available to answer questions, exhibit curriculum and encourage you to consider homeschooling as a wonderful option.



May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Cathy Bartoldus
d. January 20, 2018

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

Our Military Members:

Capt. Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; Sgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, Capt. Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, Cpl Zachary Gingras, LTJG Scott Cypher, Cap. Vincent Jovene, 1st Lt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, A1C Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, COL Greg Cannata, LCpl Paul Cotter, 2dLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, LT Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Zach Miller, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Joyce Sparbanic, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Bud and Sarah Nolan

The Deceased: Lisa Dugan, Richard Ralph, Jon Hink, Lewis Daniel Miller, Rudy Bartoldus, Mona Bakke, Sophie and Pedro Macaraeg, Rita Hockenbury, Kim Castellano, David Young



***** PASTOR'S WISH LIST *****

- **EWTN Pilgrimage in August?**—We're trying to find out if others would like to join me on a pilgrimage to EWTN and Mother Angelica's Order (August 6-9). If there are interests please let me know. A parishioner would like to get a caravan (or perhaps a bus) to take this trip.
- **Donate to our new Ambo (Pulpit)** I'm inviting you to donate any amount for the new *Ambo (Pulpit)* and be a part of the **"Book of Life Circle."** Donations of \$1k or more will give you the option to add a dedication to our future Memorial Wall to be displayed in the narthex. We need \$35k for this important part of the sanctuary where we hear the Word of God is proclaimed. As of March 19, 2018, we have received \$16,800. (See the July 30, 2017 *Shepherd's Notes* to read more about the *Ambo*.)
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion needed**—If you feel called to help administer Holy Communion at Mass and/or to the homebound, please contact me directly to apply. Requirements for EMOHC candidates: *at least 21 years old; fully-initiated in the sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist); weekly Mass attendance; receives sacrament of Penance regularly; if married, in a union recognized by the Catholic Church; a registered parishioner; 100% in support of Catholic doctrine (ministers required to sign/proclaim oath of fidelity to the Catholic Church); if involved in public service/office, positions taken must not be in opposition to Catholic teaching (e.g., support for pro-choice/abortion, same sex marriage, euthanasia, etc., disqualifies a candidate); has love for the Eucharist; charitable and modest in speech, appearance, and temperament.*
- **"Pipe Organ" donation**—Please help us pay for the church organ that was installed in April. To date we have received \$45,310. We now owe just \$72,390 for this incredible organ! [See *Shepherd's Notes* column (2/26/2017 issue) for organ details.]
- **Write your dedication on a brick...on church property!**—You now have an opportunity to place your permanent dedication etched on a brick on the church property: in front of the new parish center. Proceeds go directly to pay our center's mortgage. See enclosed flyer for details or go to our website: www.saintfrancisparish.org.
- **Hosting the Pilgrim Virgin statue sign up** - You can now schedule to sign up for hosting the *Pilgrim Virgin* in your home. Email our coordinator, Diane Waller, at dianewaller@msn.com. Go to our parish website and click under *Pilgrim Virgin Statue* and pick a date. Then just sign up and pick up the statue in the Narthex, left of the glass doors, after the Sunday Mass you attend and return it no later than **Saturday afternoon** for the next person to host our Blessed Mother. Great blessings will come along your way when you invite Our Lady and pray the rosary in your home. She will not be outdone in generosity! [Note: No need to wait six months to repeat reserving the *Pilgrim Virgin* anymore.]
- **Parish Rosary Challenge continues** If you missed September 2015's pledge drive, you can still sign up online. Everyone in the parish is asked to make a pledge to pray the Rosary at least once a week. Go to our website www.saintfrancisparish.org and click on Rosary Campaign or just go directly to www.rosarygraces.com for more info.

You may contact me directly for your response by phone (540-338-6381 ext. 102), by email countryparishpriest@gmail.com, by "snail mail" or in person

Got 'em!

- Thank you very much to Renne Hancher for volunteering to be the parish PEIR rep (Parish Ecumenical & Interreligious Representative)! Renee will attend the diocesan gatherings with reps from other faiths to better our relationship with them.
- I got a ride to/from Dulles Airport for my May retreat! Thank you, Rick Rummage!
- Received \$50k for the Holy Altar Circle & \$60k donations for the *Ark of the Covenant Tabernacle* to close out these donations for the sanctuary. Thank you very much for your amazing generosity! We are now working on getting donors for *The Book of Life Circle (Ambo/Pulpit)*.
- We received over 1,500 written pledges from the *Rosary Challenge* drive to pray a minimum of one rosary a week. As of this writing we have reached the 71% mark (71,278 total reported) of our goal (100,000) of the rosaries that have been reportedly prayed at our website since September 12, 2015. Keep it up, faithful children of Mary. We've been getting many nice blessings lately as a parish and we can only expect more!

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“Cook the truth in Charity until it tastes sweet”
- St. Francis de Sales -



Emily Glass Director of Youth Ministry
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5PM MASS - Every Sunday at 5pm, join us in the front four left rows to celebrate Mass together. All high school students are welcome!

YOUTH NIGHT - Join us on Sundays from 6-8pm for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend!! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another.

BIBLE STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS - Join us at Market St. Coffee on Wednesdays from 5-6pm for Bible study.

ROSARY GROUP - On Tuesday mornings, we meet in the chapel at 8am to pray the Rosary together before school. Awesome way to start your week! Come pray with friends for the graces to help you through the school week. All high schoolers welcome! We do not meet on Tuesdays when Loudoun County is off school.

TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING - The next teen Workcamp meeting is on Sunday, 4/22 from 6:15-8pm in the old parish hall. Please keep in mind that these meetings are required, and that lots of important information is shared in preparation for Workcamp 2018! See you there!

CHILI COOK-OFF - On May 5 from 6-8pm, we will hold a Cinco de Mayo Chili Cook-Off fundraiser for Workcamp! Tell your friends, tell your family! We still need teen and adult volunteers to submit chilis, help run the event, etc. Please e-mail Lisa Cammarota at lisacammarota@gotchacovered.com to sign up or get more information.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS - If you would like to receive text message announcements about time changes, event cancellations, etc., you can go to this link: remind.com/join/eglass16 and enter your information to be added to the recipient list! Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account [St.FrancisYouth](https://www.instagram.com/St.FrancisYouth) for event updates and announcements.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

At least one parent is required to attend retreat
April 28th, 9am - 12pm - All Weekday Classes
Please contact the RE office if you need to switch weeks.
1st Communion Sacrament Fee of \$30 is due now, please call RE office if you are not sure if you paid!



Save the Date!!!
MAC-PAC SUMMER DAY CAMP
Monday thru Wednesday July 16-18,
4-9pm

CCD & VBS Registration

2018-2019 CCD Registration forms will be handed out on the last day of class and posted on the SFDS website starting May 1st. Registration is on a “first come first served” basis and classes fill up quickly so make sure to sign up quickly. Visit www.saintfrancisparish.org/youth-religious-education/
VBS registration is right around the corner too! We will start that on Monday May 7th. Registration will run from that date through Friday June 22. Make sure to visit www.saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school/. A volunteer form is posted on the website now, please sign up soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday - Friday, July 9-13, 9am-12noon

SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEERS HAS BEGUN!
We have opportunities for adults & youth volunteers
Please visit our VBS website for all of our opportunities and Volunteer Sign-Up Form
www.saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school/

Registration for VBS will begin May 7
We need more Adult Volunteers!
Would you like to learn more about being a Volunteer?
Please come to our Adult meeting on
Thursday, May 17 at 7pm in the Library
It's fun, easy, and we have a nursery!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
MAC-PAC (Middle Schoolers Acting in Christ - Prayer, Action, Charity) is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The goal is to inspire, to grow our love for God and neighbor, and to provide fellowship for the Middle School youth of St. Francis De Sales. **There will be no MAC-PAC in April. The next MACPAC will be Sunday, May 6.**

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF APRIL 22 and APRIL 29
Sun. [Gr. 1st-8th Session 1](#) - 8:45am
[Gr. K-8th Session 2](#) - 10:30am
Mon. [Gr. K-8th](#) - 4:45pm
[RCIT, High School](#) - 7pm
Wed. [Pre-School, Gr. 1st-8th](#) - 4:45pm

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 11136 NEWS

Next Business Meeting - May 14, Church Hall at 7:30. Rosary 7:05 in the chapel. Next to last meeting of fraternal year, hopefully less than an hour - like 90% this year.



Officers For 2018 - 2019 Fraternal Year Needed! Contact any of the email addresses below for information.

Next Pancake Breakfast - May 6 - See email soon to come from the Pancake leaders.

Why Are You A Knight? - Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, community, and world. Contact GK Ben Cox, and tell me what would it take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

Submit Your Prayer Requests - I want to send a weekly email digest of prayer requests to share to our families. Send all requests to grandknight11136@gmail.com.

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community? If so, contact Chancellor Forest Selby (forestselby@gmail.com), DGK Greg Cannata (armybrat.cannata@gmail.com), or just look for anyone wearing a KofC badge. The needs are many, but the laborers are few.

Have a great, big beautiful week!

Ben Cox, Grand Knight; St. Francis Council #11136
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American Heritage Girls

OPEN HOUSE for our St. Francis de Sales American Heritage Girls Troop 962!!

American Heritage Girls is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. The organization offers badge programs, service projects, girl leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences to its members. It serves as a catalyst for building young women of integrity and faith. It also broadens girls' social development through extra-curricular activities. This program of character-building has successfully served thousands of girls ages 5-18 years of age since its inception and will continue to do so long into the 21st century.

Join us for **SFds Troop 962 Open House Art and Talent Show** on Thursday, May 3 from 6-7:30pm in Our Lady of Victory Hall. You and your daughter can join in our meeting, see what we do, ask questions, and share the FUN as we host our very first Troop Art and Talent Show. Questions? Contact Belinda Pantoja at tcabg962@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you May 3 at 6pm!



2018 Youth Spring Retreat

2018 Car Raffle Fundraiser is ON!

The 2018 Car Raffle was delayed this year but it is officially back on. As in past years, five cars and \$20,000 in cash prizes will be given away. The raffle will take place on June 22, 2018. We expect to be mailing raffle tickets to all registered parishioners early the week of April 16 so please be on the lookout.

There is a change this year due to new rules imposed by the Virginia Office of Charitable & Regulatory Programs. All tickets must be processed by All Saints. As a result, the return envelope included with the mailed tickets is addressed to All Saints. While you can return your tickets to the drop box in the narthex after all masses it is **greatly appreciated** if you would mail them directly back to All Saints. Extra tickets can be purchased after all masses through the weekend of June 9/10.

The Car Raffle is a significant fund raiser for the parish so your participation is needed. Please contact family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to sell the tickets that are mailed to you. If you have questions please sent them Jim Marsan at jsmarsan03@gmail.com.

Paul VI Summer Camps

Paul VI Catholic High School is currently accepting registrations for summer camps for all ages and interests from fine arts to athletics. Please visit <https://pvports.net/main/campsclinics/>

2018 WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER

16th Annual Charity
Golf Outing
Thursday, May 24 @ 9am
at Stoneleigh Golf Course

To sponsor a hole or to play in the tournament, please contact Jane Treado at 703-475-0873 or janedhs78@aol.com. Bestball - great prizes!



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - APRIL 2018

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

• **April 29 - PILGRIMAGE RESCHEDULED - Pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in D.C.** call Hershey Youngblood or send an e-mail if you'd like to carpool with us by Thursday, April 12th to womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com or 571-278-6700.

• **April 25 & 26 - Intro. meetings for "33 Days to Morning Glory, A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration"** - to register, e-mail womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com or call Hershey Youngblood at 571-278-6700 by Thursday, April 19th - **TWO CLASSES WILL BE HELD CONCURRENTLY** • **Wednesday mornings at 10am** and **Thursday evenings at 7pm**. Consecration will be May 31 for the Visitation!

• **May 6 - Meet & Greet to welcome new parishioners** - look for your invitation by e-mail or phone by April 16th. If you are a new parishioner and don't hear from us, please send us an e-mail so we update our contact list.

All women are welcome to join us at any and all events. We would like to improve the relationship with our fellow sisters in Christ within the St. Francis de Sales area so please reach out to us to let us know that you'd like that as well!



EWTN Parish Pilgrimage

Join us for a faith filled pilgrimage to EWTN in Irondale, Alabama the week of August 6th! Celebrate daily mass and pray the rosary with the Friars. Enjoy a tour of the EWTN studios. Attend a live show with Fr. Mitch Pacwa. An hour away, in Hanceville, is the magnificent Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament where Mother Angelica is buried (she passed away two years ago on Easter Sunday).

Pilgrimage information is available at www.ewtn.com/pilgrimage/about-us.asp
Transportation details pending. Please contact Joanne Patton at JLGibbsJL@aol.com with questions, for additional information or to sign up. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to visit EWTN with Fr. Escalante and your fellow parishioners.

Sat. May 5th
6:00 - 8:00 PM
St. Francis de Sales

You're Invited

CHILI COOK-OFF

WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

Free admission. Cash and check donations accepted, all proceeds go to Workcamp 2018!



Come sample chilis made by our Workcamp teens and their families, and vote for your favorite!

Parish Homeless Ministry

Have you started spring cleaning?

The Christ House thrift shop in Alexandria accepts donations of clothes, accessories, handbags, shoes, collectibles, art, jewelry, household items, antiques, and small pieces of furniture. One hundred percent



of the thrift shop's proceeds support Catholic Charities' emergency assistance program in our diocese. This program helps families with emergency rent and utility bills, preventing eviction and homelessness.

A parishioner has graciously offered to deliver donations to Christ House. Donations can be left in the narthex until **Sunday, May 6**; please e-mail Janice at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org to let her know items are there to be picked up.

Opportunity to Serve:

In the afternoon on **Thursday, May 3**, the Missionaries of Charity in DC need a few volunteers to cook for and spend time with five homeless pregnant women under their care. Contact Meghan Christian (e-mail below) for more info.

On **Saturday, May 12**, and **Saturday, June 9**, from 8:30 to 11:15am, we will be serving breakfast and lunch to the homeless alongside the Missionaries of Charity in their DC soup kitchen. Our group will also be providing the meals. Contact Meghan to sign up for serving meals, donating food, and/or preparing dishes for the homeless guests.

On **Saturday, June 16**, from 9 to 11:30am, volunteer with the Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Charities at the Cup of Joe Breakfast Bagging event in Landover, MD, assembling breakfast bags for the homeless. The bags are handed out to area shelter guests before they depart in the mornings; without these bags, homeless guests would have no morning meal. Register at www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/cup-joe-breakfast-bagging/2018-06-16/ There are only a few volunteer positions left!

If you would like information about the Homeless Ministry to be e-mailed directly to you, send a note to MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com

"If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." -James 2:15-17

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